

Members of the FCC:

It is my understanding that the National Association of Broadcasters has put forth petition 04-160 to block satellite radio from offering local news, weather and traffic updates claiming that it would infringe on the rights of the terrestrial radio stations and have a decimating effect on their listener base. I am against this petition, here's why:

Technology such as satellite radio should not be governed based on the needs of the National Association of Broadcasters. The idea of trying to limit another industry rather than compete with them by offering innovative programming is unseemly and quite "Big Brother" like.

I purchased satellite radio for mainly two reasons, the variety of programming and no commercials. The same reason that I have been a subscriber to HBO on cable television for many years. Let's not have a lobbying committee with a lot of dollars backing them up try and squash something that is enjoyable and a benefit to satellite radio subscribers. Clearly their only interest here is to make sure that their coffers continue to be filled off of the back of the Middle Class American. Let us members of the Middle Class have the choice of where we spend our hard earned money in this matter.

Humbly,

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